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# Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview Jul 25, 2001

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: All claims in general, specifically, claims 21 and 31.

Identification of prior art discussed:

Seike, Jackson

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

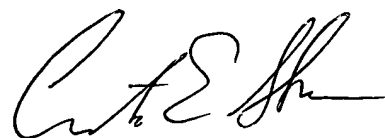
Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicants will consider submitting a supplemental amendment to remove the phrase "sterilized and" from claim 31. Will also consider presenting evidence (in declaratory form) and/or arguments showing that the removal of citric acid is the critical limitation of the claimed invention.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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